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Serial No. 10/500,788  
Response to Office Action

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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT  
AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant : I. HALACHMI et al  
Serial No. : 10/500,788  
Filed : January 11, 2005  
For : IDENTIFICATION OF SMALL RUMINANTS  
Art Unit : 3643  
Examiner : NGUYEN, SON T.  
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This is responsive to the Office Action mailed  
February 16, 2006, the term for response to which expires on  
March 16, 2006.

**ELECTION**

Applicants hereby elect Group I, claims 1-15 and 20-26, for  
further prosecution on the merits, without traverse.

It is respectfully requested that prosecution on the merits  
now proceed on the basis of the election set forth above.

It is respectfully submitted that this submission is fully  
responsive to the outstanding Office Action.

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